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SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I may be one of the reasons this amendment was brought forward. I would like to support it because of what it does to my legislative district, but I made it very clear from the start that if an amendment was brought forward that it would have to be agreeable to all affected parties. Senator Wickersham has indicated that this proposal does not meet with his approval. I would tell you what it does to the 38th Legislative District. At the present time, the 38th Legislative District is 4.75 below deviation, the largest deviation of any legislative district in the state of Nebraska. That doesn't bother me. What bothers me is that a county that I have represented for ten years and have a large community of interest in with Phelps County, certainly a larger community of interest with Phelps County than any of the communities in the 44th Legislative District that Senator Baker represents, that that shift would be excellent, and also the Perkins County staying in the 44th Legislative District would be excellent also. But I told people I was not interested in a plan that all affected parties were not agreed to and I think there is another plan that could be worked out. I understand the rift in the Panhandle, but I do not want to be a part of that. Having given my word to the affected parties that I've talked to, I do not support this amendment. I understand what Senator Erdman is trying to do. I do not have a problem with that, but with reluctance I do not support this amendment. Thank you for your time.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Baker.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. I do support the plan. Perkins County, their community of interest is with District 44, not 47, and I'm sure they could accept Senator Erdman. But, as he's already pointed out, Perkins, Chase and Dundy counties make up the Upper Republican NRD and that's a very unique natural resource district in that they've had led the way on...with a well drilling moratorium and pumping controls and so on, et cetera, and, in all honesty, they would really like to be left with Chase and Dundy County. Their office is in Imperial in Chase County, but I just got off the phone with Perkins County people 30 or...less than...or an hour